Employees dismissed/suspended by CPWD

2818. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons serving in the CPWD, dismissed and suspended during the last three years;

(b) the grounds on which dismissals and suspensions had taken place during this period; and

(c) the number of these dismissed or suspended employees who are facing trials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Reimbursement of medical expenses in Food Corporation of India

2819. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India had issued a circular (No. 33 of 1986 dated 27th May, 1986) regarding procedure to be followed for the reimbursement of medical expenses for its staff;

(b) if so, the reasons for cancellation of the previous circulars which is causing serious hardship specially to low paid employees;

(c) whether Government are aware that cancellation of previous circulars is resulting in many unfloated claims and irregularities; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to restrict unfloated claims and irregularities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The circular No. 33 dated the 27th May, 1986 issued by the Food Corporation of India stipulating certain conditions for purchase of medicines was withdrawn after considering numerous representations received from the employees and staff bodies and also reference received from subordinate offices of the Corporation, indicating the difficulties in fulfilling the conditions.

(c) and (d) With a view to maintaining control and economy in payment of medical claims various measures like appointing FCI Medical Officers at places where there is concentration of FCI employees, reference of claims to State Medical Boards where necessary, investigation of claims by the Vigilance Wing, etc., have already been taken by the Food Corporation of India.

Allotment of Palmolein/edible oil to Andhra Pradesh

2820. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have sought increase in its allocation of monthly/yearlyquota of Palmolein/edible oil;

(b) the present monthly/yearly allocation of palmolein/edible oil quota to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government have increased the quota of allocation as requested by the Government of Andha Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of imported edible oils (including Palmolein) made during the oil-year 1987-88 was

1,36,500 MT and the present monthly allocation is 9,000 MT.

(c) to (e) The allocation of imported edible oils including palmolein is made to States/UTs. keeping in view the reasonable demand from States/UTs., prices of indigenous oils in the open market, availability of foreign exchange, stocks of oil with STC, festival reasons, and other related factors. Allocation of imported edible oils is to supplement the availability of indigenous edible oils in the open market rather than to meet the entire requirement of the State/UT.

Financial assistance to washermen Community in Andhra Pradesh

2821. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes being implemented by the Central Government for the development of Washermen Community in the country;

(b) whether these schemes are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government also propose to give financial assistance for the development of washermen community in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SMT. SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (e) The Central Government does not have any scheme exclusively for the benefit of the washerman community. They can derive benefits from the schemes of Scheduled Castes in the States where they are listed as Scheluled Castes. In some States which also include Andhra Pradesh they are listed as Other Backward Classes for whom there is no Central Government scheme since Other Backward Classes are looked after by the respective State Governments.

2822. [*Transferred to the 6th December*, 1988]

National system for prevention of occupational accidents in industries

2823. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to strengthen the national system for prevention of occupational accidents in industries;

(b) the period for which the project is likely to continue; and

(c) what are the details of factories identified by Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) to (c) By an amendment to the Factories Act, 1948, a separate chapter on "hazardous processes" was incorporated which provides for setting up of Site Appraisal Committees for grant of permission for initial location and expansion of existing factories involving a hazardous process, compulsory disclosure of information by the occupier, specific responsibility of occupier in relation to hazardous processes, prvoision for laying down standards, permissible limits of exposure of chemical and toxic substances, preparation of on-site and off-site emergency plans, workers' participation in safety management etc.

The Ministry of Labour is implementing an ILO Project on "Establishment and inital operation of major accident hazard control system in India". The main objective of this Project is to strengthen the national system for the prevention of occupational accidents to enable identification, analysis and control of industrial